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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS  
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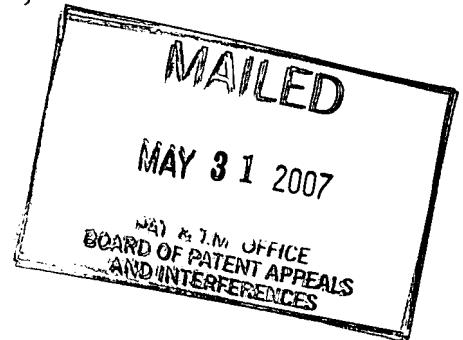
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Application No. 10/784,459

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ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

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This application was received electronically at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on May 3, 2007. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matter requiring attention prior to docketing is identified below:

On December 6, 2006, appellants filed an Appeal Brief in response to the Notification of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief mailed November 6, 2006. A review of the record reveals that there is no indication that the Appeal Brief has been considered. Appropriate action required.

Accordingly, it is

**ORDERED** that the application is returned to the Examiner:

- 1) to consider the Appeal Brief on December 6, 2006; and
- 2) for such further action as may be appropriate.

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